Case II, 3, (Box 2)

Dr. *Hugh Chamberlen's*

h°. 2610.
304

PROPOSAL

TO MAKE

ENGLAND

Rich and Happy.

THat if the Parliament will ſettle the Rates, which by Act of Parliament are eſtabliſhed for ever, for Poor and High-ways, under certain Regulations, according to a Scheme ready to be offered, at a Million clear *per annum* (whereas the preſent Charge is ſuppoſed to be much more), but for one hundred Years, as a ſecure Fund, after the Nature of Banks; And enable the Undertaker to provide Tickets of Credit or Bills of Exchange thereupon, not exceeding the Value of the ſaid Fund; Which Bills will in no reſpect be inferiour to Mony, and are to be controuled by Commiſſioners, appointed by and accomptable to Parliament from Time to Time.

He offers, out of the ſaid Fund (which hitherto hath in no wiſe anſwered the Worthy Ends deſigned by Parliament) not only to provide for ever much better for all the Poor that are in the Nation, or that may for the future become ſo; And effectually to repair the High-ways, and ſo continue them for ever, by appropriating twenty Millions of the ſaid Tickets to purchaſe a Million *per annum* Inheritance to that End;

But alſo greatly to Enrich this Nation by Increaſe of Trade;

To reimburſe them the Taxes paid ſince their Majeſties Reign;

To Encourage the Soldiers and Seamen with a Donative of ſix Months Pay;

To Advance what the Parliament ſhall pleaſe to appoint for carrying on the next Year's War, not exceeding the Sum of Millions;

And to Pay the London *Orphans their full Debts:*

Beſides many other Publick Works of Neceſſity and Ornament: And the ſupporting the great Charge, which unavoidably muſt attend this Undertaking, wherein will be above *three hundred new Employments fit for Noblemen and Gentlemen.*

That this Propoſal is of Great Uſe and very Profitable, none can deny, it promiſing univerſal Good, without Hurt to any. And, that 'tis both Poſſible and Eaſie, the Propoſer offers Plainly to Demonſtrate with Rational Arguments, whenever the Houſe of Commons ſhall be pleaſed to appoint a Committee to hear the ſame; And alſo to give Satisfactory Anſwers to whatſoever Objection ſhall be made againſt it by any, that will own their Objections in Print with their Name ſubſcribed.

This Propoſal is publiſhed, becauſe 'tis of ſo great Concern, at this Time, to the whole Nation; *and hath nothing of Faction in it; but is equally beneficial to all Perſwaſions.* And therefore 'tis hoped, that ſuch, who make uſe of their own Senſe and Reaſon, if they approve of this Propoſal, will, for the Nation's ſake, not only propagate their Good Opinion of it amongſt their Neighbours, but alſo ſtrengthen the Hands of the Propoſer, by acquainting him with ſuch their Approbation; that, if poſſible, it may prevail for the ſaving this Nation from the great and imminent Evils that otherwiſe threaten it.

From his Houſe in Eſſex-ſtreet,
near Temple-bar, London.
November 1690.

BIBL. LOND. UNIV.

1690
2818

Chamberlen, Hugh. Dr. Hugh Chamberlen's proposal to make England rich and happy. N.p., [1690]. The Making of the Modern World, link.gale.com%2Fapps%2Fdoc%2FU0100314388%2FMOME%3Fu%3Dnla%26sid%3Dbookmark-MOME. Accessed 26 Feb. 2026.